

APPENDIX 3—WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATION PROCESS

As part of the planning effort for developing the Rawlins Resource Management Plan (RMP), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning team members initiated a Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR) review of all BLM-administered public land surfaces (public lands) along waterways within the Rawlins Resource Management Plan Planning Area (RMPPA). This review was conducted to determine whether any of these public lands would meet the WSR eligibility criteria and suitability factors, as identified in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended.

The BLM WSR review includes a three-step process:

- Determining whether public lands along waterways meet the WSR eligibility criteria to be tentatively classified as wild, scenic, or recreational
- Determining whether any of those public lands that meet the eligibility criteria also meet the WSR suitability factors
- Determining how public lands that are determined suitable for designation will be managed.

The initial WSR review was conducted separately from the RMP planning process to expedite the review process, resulting in a stand-alone WSR review report that will support the land use plan update efforts currently underway in the Rawlins Field Office (RFO). Any comments made by the public concerning the determinations made in this review will be taken into consideration and documented in the RMP planning process. This WSR eligibility review may be modified if deemed necessary as a result of public comments. The final report and interim management prescriptions will be included in the revision of the RMP.

The Rawlins Wild and Scenic Rivers Review Report may be viewed at http://www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/rawlins/documents/WSR_report.pdf.

